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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:	
Austin SMITH et al.		·
Serial No. 09/686,880		Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed:	Concurrently herewith	Examiner: K. Katcheres
For:	LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS AND PROGENITOR CELLS	· ·

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and 22-41 without prejudice and add claims 42-65 as follows.

42. A method for generating a culture that is purified or enriched in respect of cells of a selected lineage, comprising:

introducing into a multipotential cell a selectable marker that is (i) differentially expressed in cells of the selected lineage compared with its expression in other cells, wherein cells of the selected linage constitute a sub-set of the cells obtainable from the multipotential cell;

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